

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ron Campbell of Nashville.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that this General Assembly should pay homage to those inspirational people who have dedicated their lives to pure and passionate gospel and country music; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ron Campbell is an exemplary radio personality and television host who has inspired and uplifted audiences with his legendary, deep, bass voice calling out over the airwaves and television screen for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell has been a leading voice on radio and television in both the gospel and country music world, and he is recognized as one of the finest personalities to have graced the airwaves and television screen; and

WHEREAS, he began his long and illustrious career in radio as a country disc jockey in 1965, at a small radio station in Sylva, North Carolina; Mr. Campbell continued his career spinning country records over the decades in many locations throughout the South, with stints in North Carolina, Knoxville, and the world famous WSM radio station in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, with his down-home demeanor, Mr. Campbell has hosted the popular *Old Time Gospel Show* on television for years; his friendly personality, special guest appearances, and interviews with many gospel and country music legends have garnered his television show rave reviews, helping it grow in syndication and fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell, likeable and outgoing, is a personal friend of many of the inspirational gospel and country music legends that have graced the stages and airwaves throughout this great land; and

WHEREAS, spending years in the world of gospel and country music, Mr. Campbell is viewed as an authority figure with vast knowledge and experience; he has been called upon to write numerous columns on gospel and country music for several magazines and publications over the years, including the *Taylorsville Times* in Taylorsville, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, he has received numerous honors and awards throughout his distinguished career, including the Pioneer of the Year award, presented at the 2004 Music City Convention in Pigeon Forge, several awards from the King Eagle Convention in Nashville, and a nomination to the Country DJ Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, spreading the Good News of the Gospel through his many talents, he should be commended for entertaining his faithful fans and bringing meaning to thousands of lives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize Ron Campbell, one of the finest personalities in gospel and country music radio and television, for his ongoing legacy of filling the radio and television airwaves with beautiful music that carries an inspirational message, and wish him much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.